1	2	3
11.	Germany	17
12.	Italy	4
13.	Indonesia	5
14.	Japan	27
15.	Korea	5
16.	Madagascar	2
17.	New Zealand	1
18.	Poland	12
19.	Swiss	6
20.	Spain	4
21.	U.S.A.	5
	TOTAL	166

Acquittal of Amir Sheikh by TADA Court

2507. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Amir Sheikh who was responsible for the IC-814 hijacking had been apprehended by the Indian authorities under TADA earlier; and

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that he was acquitted by the TADA court but was convicted under IPC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No person by the name Amir Sheikh was involved in the hijacking of flight IC-814 in December, 1999. The Hon'ble member is perhaps referring to Ahmad Omar Sayeed Sheikh, a British National, who was released from an Indian Jail in exchange for the hostages held in the hijacking incident.

One First Information Report (FIR) was registered against the said Ahmad Omar Sayeed Sheikh at police station, Mussourie, District Gaziabad (Uttar Pradesh) under various sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Criminal Law Amendment Act. The accused was convicted of the charges and he completed the sentence/prison term

in this case. Another FIR was registered against the said Ahmad Omar Sayeed Sheikh at police station, Connaught Place, New Delhi under various sections of IPC and sections 3,4,5 of Terrorist And Desruptive Activities (Prevention) Act. This case was pending trial in the Court at Patiala House when the hijacking of flight IC-814 took place. The Government of NCT of Delhi sought the permission of the Court for withdrawal of this case and the application for withdrawal of prosecution was allowed. Accordingly, Ahmad Omar Sayeed Sheikh was released from judicial custody.

Pakistani National Getting Indian Identity Proofs

2508. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared an action plan to keep a watch on the large number of Pakistani Nationals, who visits the country on short term basis and later acquire Indian identity by acquiring ration cards and passports and are helping anti-national elements;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to tighten the verification system for issue of driving license, identity cards etc. so that foreigners are not able to assume a local identity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) In order to keep a close watch on the Pak Nationals visiting India on short-term visa, the following procedure has been prescribed:

1. The visa applications are received in quadruplicate;
2. The visa is given for a specified city/town and the visa holder is not allowed to visit any other place without seeking prior permission;
3. One copy of the application form is given to the visa holder, one is retained by the Mission, one is sent to the Superintendent of Police of the first place to be visited by the visa holder and one copy is sent to the Revenue Intelligence;